

February 17, 2019  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community**  
*All are welcome at our table*

Prayer Leader: Jeanne-Marie Schwendinger

Music Leader: Scott Hurley

**Theme of the Liturgy Today: God's Valentine Love For Us**  
**Welcome**

*Let us take a moment of silence to remember the presence of the Spirit in this Sacred Space.*

**Opening Song: Let the Heavens Be Glad (insert)**

Prayer Leader: We gather:

**ALL: In reverence and thanksgiving for all creation-**

**-for plants and bulbs waiting to rise up from the earth**

**-for creatures that fly above the earth**

**-swim on the waters of life**

**-walk upon the land**

**-shine in the skies over us**

**-for all peoples of the world, who are our brothers and sisters.**

**We gather with all those who have gone before us in the Spirit of Love. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading**

Reader: The Lord appeared to us saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting Love.

I have drawn you to me with everlasting kindness." (Jeremiah 31:3)

**ALL: Give thanks to the God of heaven and earth, for God's love endures forever.**

Reader: Know that when you pass through the water, I will be with you; when you pass through rivers, they will not sweep you up, and (when you shiver with the cold, I will be your warmth). (Isaiah 43: 1-2)

**East:** God, our God, is with you and takes delight in you;  
in love, God does not rebuke you, but rejoices with you in song. (Zeph. 3:17)

**West:** Those who hope in God will renew their strength; they will soar like an eagle;  
they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint. (Isaiah 40: 31)

Reader: God gives new power to the faint,  
And to those who have no strength, God strengthens.  
Wait on God who will renew your strength. (Isaiah 40: 29-31)

**ALL: Thanks be to the God whose love endures forever.** (Romans 5:8)

*Pause for reflection.*

**Second Reading**

Reader: Sing for joy O heavens, exult O earth.  
Break forth into singing, all peoples;  
for God comforts all people and has compassion on the afflicted. (Isaiah 49:13)

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**ALL:** Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
we fear no evil, for You are with us to give us courage.  
Your rod and your staff hold us up and comfort us. (Psalm 23:4)

**East:** I know the plans I have for you, declares our God;  
plans for your good, and not for harm;  
plans to give you new hope and a loving future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

**West:** You O God are compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, and abounding in love and faithfulness. (Psalm 86: 15)

**Reader:** Know that I have kept My covenant through thousands  
of generations, and My love will endure forever. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

**ALL:** Give thanks to the God of heaven and earth, for your Love endures forever.  
(Romans 5:8)

*Pause in prayer of silent gratitude for God's love then please stand.*

**Third Reading:** 1 John 4:18-19; Ephesians 4:2-3; 1 Peter 4:8; John 15:13; 1 Cor. 13:13;  
Peter 1:22

**ALL:** Give thanks, for God's love endures forever. (Romans 5:8)

### **Dialogue Homily**

Our dialogue homily is a time of reflection and sharing on the readings as they speak to our faith and life experiences, and as expressed and lived by our varied faith traditions.

*The word "Love" is mentioned 131 times in the Hebrew Scriptures, and 179 times in the Christian Scriptures. Today we reflect on how we have experienced love. God's love has provided all creation with an abundance of love, providing for every need. Often we have exploited that love, and are now challenged to live in a new way to restore creation and learn to share it with ALL peoples.*

### **Prayers of the People**

Prayer Leader: Valentine's Day comes once a year to remind us the importance of centering our lives on love every day. Let us now give thanks for the many ways God has shown us love through creation, even in the midst of cold winter days. Please join the response when all have shared words of thanks and remembrances.

Prayer Leader: We lift our voices:

**R:** Along the journey of life, we learn that the more we are thankful,  
the more we have to be thankful for. So we say in thanksgiving,  
'we give you thanks O Gracious God, for your love endures forever.'

### **Communal Offering**

Prayer Leader: We now pray:

**ALL:** We take up this collection O God, as a sign of our love for you and each other.  
May we treasure and share your gifts of creation, so we can be ONE in You.

**Offertory Song:** *Deep Within* (insert)

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**Eucharistic Prayer of Love**

*We gather around the altar for our prayer. Readers are not specifically assigned for the parts; please feel free to recite a passage if you feel so moved. **Bold parts are read in unison.** When it is time to bless the bread and wine, please extend a hand palm up as we say the words of blessing together. If you would like gluten-free bread, please stand by the podium.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Please join hands as we say the Lord's Prayer beginning with "O God of Love."*

**Peace**

**Communion Sharing of Bread and Wine**

*As we share the bread and wine, please say the person's name then "You are the bread of Life" and "You are the cup of Life."  
When all have received, return to your seats for quiet prayer.*

**Communion Meditation**

**Healing Blessing**

*We ask anyone taking bread and wine to someone in the community to come forward, and tell us who you will be visiting in our name.*

Prayer Leader: Go forth,

**ALL: Our thoughts and prayers go to \_\_\_\_\_, and all who need healing. We send you with bread and wine and the prayers of our community. Amen.**

*Due to the community conversation there will be no announcements today.*

*Please stand.*

**Blessing:**

Prayer Leader: We know, O God of Love, our world is in dire need of a Love that heals, forgives, understands. We know we live far from the whole truth, and pray that Your love may grow deeply in us, so we may act with courage to right wrongs, be slow to condemn, and willing to engage in healing dialogues.

**ALL: May the God of Love fill our hearts with courage, joy and peace, as we place our lives into God's hands, and commit ourselves to work for a just and loving world. And may this love overflow with hope and peace for others. Amen.**

**Closing Song: *This Little Light of Mine* (insert)**

***Please return the Eucharistic Prayer handout to the basket and take this Prayer Aid/Bulletin home with you.  
Please join us for refreshments and Community Conversation on Liturgy immediately following the service.***

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***Thank you for sharing in our celebration of faith this morning.  
We pray together in this space every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!***

**For the collection each week, checks can be written to "DMIEC."** The First Sunday collection each month supports a selected charitable organization. The remaining collections cover utility, insurance, and other usual and customary expenses. Contributions are tax-deductible.

### **COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TODAY**

Please plan to stay after the service for this Liturgy Conversation to talk about Eucharistic Prayer revisions, creedal statements, and alternate reading selections. Refreshments will be served in the worship space. In the interest of respecting everyone's time, there will be NO oral announcements at the end of our service today.

**Today is DMARC Emergency Food Pantry Sunday.** Envelopes are available for donations to the Des Moines Area Religious Council Emergency Food Pantries. Write checks to "DMARC" or place cash in the envelopes and add to the collection basket. Or, feel free to take an envelope home and mail your donations directly to DMARC.

### **Watch for an Email from Kevin Pokorny with Important Instructions**

#### **About the Revamped DMIEC Website**

The revamped user-friendly DMIEC website will launch in a couple of weeks. That launch will require everyone's action in order to make the transition a smooth one. Please note these three key points:

- **All users will need to set up new accounts in order to use the upgraded website.**  
Registered DMIEC members will need to register a Member account. Non-members wishing to act as liturgy volunteers will need to register a Non-Member Volunteer account.
- **Once the revamped website is launched,** group emails will no longer come from Kevin Pokorny's pokornyk@hotmail account. Instead, all post-launch emails will be sent from a new email account: **DMIECDesMoines@gmail.com**. Kevin has graciously agreed to continue managing those DMIEC communications from the new gmail account. However, the list of folks to whom those emails will be sent will be pared back to only those DMIEC members and non-members who have set up accounts on the revamped website.
- **\*\*\* Kevin Pokorny will send out an email with important instructions on how to set up either a Member account or Non-Member Volunteer account. If you are not already receiving Kevin's emails on DMIEC matters, please be sure to get your email address to him at pokornyk@hotmail.com as soon as possible, in order to ensure that you receive the key instructions and information.**

### **A Message from Our Community Council**

DMIEC recognizes that political involvement is an important part of a citizen's role and encourages that involvement by all members, regardless of party affiliation. However, with the Iowa Caucuses about a year away and candidates in town daily, please keep in mind that DMIEC worship services and communications are not appropriate forums in which to promote or disparage candidates, campaign events, and the like. **Thanks for your help in ensuring that all feel truly welcome to worship at DMIEC.**

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**PRAYERFUL PRESENCE *at the CAPITOL***

***Mondays at 12:45 p.m. ALL are invited to join us as we circle the Iowa State Capitol rotunda in meditative prayer.*** To begin with intention we gather at the top of the stairs (second floor) before we walk. Come with your own hopes for the people of Iowa, and we will walk together in silent reverence. Everyone welcome! Questions? Please call Kay Kopatich, 240-4904.  
*Prior to our walk, Interfaith Alliance of Iowa presents Moral Mondays, 12:00-12:45 p.m. in Room 304, with speakers on topics important to current legislation. This week's discussion will be poverty in Iowa.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact Person(s):</b>
<b>Sundays, February 24, March 10, April 7, May 5, after services in library</b>	<b>State Legislative Updates and Discussion</b>	Social Justice Committee, Bob Mulqueen
<b>Saturday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. – noon</b>	<b>Lenten Retreat: <i>Now Is the Acceptable Time</i></b>	Lou Ann Burkle, Mary Ann Koch, Kris Wells
<b>Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	Liturgy Team
<b>Wednesdays, March 13, 27, April 3, 10, 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lecture Series: <i>Sounds True – Waking Up in the World</i></b>	Liturgy Team
<b>Sunday, March 24, after service</b>	<b>Interfaith Alliance of Iowa</b>	Steve Gude

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** *(May be subject to change)*

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

**MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**Prayer Leaders:** David Wright and Kathi Sircy

**Liturgy Coordinator:** Karen DeHaven

**Prayer Aid Distributor:** Mary Tomlinson

**Bread Baker:** Mary Routh

**Greeters:** *Volunteers needed*

**Readers:** Bob Mulqueen, Jean Minahan, P.J. McDonald

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jean Minahan, Diane Morain. *Volunteer needed*

**Straighten Worship Area:** *Volunteer needed*

**Hospitality:** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

***PLEASE SIGN UP!*** *Volunteer signup sheets are located in the entry hallway. Instructions for the various volunteer positions are available on the web site (dmiec.org) or in the Liturgy Room.*

*Questions about a particular position? Contact one of the Coach Contacts posted above the clipboards.*

***Prayer Leaders Still Needed for 2019***

Plan ahead and sign up on the orange clipboard.

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**DMIEC EVENTS:**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY**

***Sunday, February 24, after service in the library***

Get updates on the current state legislative session and learn about the issues and how to advocate for social justice. Bob Mulqueen and members of the Social Justice Committee will hold discussions in the library after Sunday services generally every two weeks until early May. See the calendar in the prayer aid for further dates. See Julie Powell-Mohr to receive email action alerts.

**Lenten Retreat: *Now Is the Acceptable Time***

***Saturday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. – noon***

Take time out for this retreat morning in preparation for the Lenten season using the Trinitarian prayer model — silent meditation, journaling, and sharing. A booklet for meditation will be provided. Bring your own journal if you wish. Preregister by signing the clipboard at DMIEC or contact one of the facilitators: Lou Ann Burkle, Mary Ann Koch, and Kris Wells.

**Presentation by Connie Ryan of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa**

***Sunday, March 24, after service***

Connie Ryan, Executive Director of Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, will discuss IAI's work and what legislation they are following during the current session. All are invited to attend.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Becoming American**

***Mondays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 6:00 p.m., Franklin Library, 5000 Franklin Ave., DM***

The Des Moines Film Society presents a six-week program featuring documentary film screenings and scholar-led discussions about immigration issues. For more, visit [becoming-american.org/programs](http://becoming-american.org/programs)  
***February 18: Between Two Worlds: Identity and Acculturation*** looks at how immigrants react and adjust to living in a new country and culture, and how they bridge the divide between the traditions and values of their native countries.

**Strong Feisty Women Powering Change**

***Friday, February 22, 5:00–9:00 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 1800 Bell Ave., Des Moines***

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will celebrate three Strong, Feisty Women: Eloise Cranke, coordinator of the Methodist Federation for Social Action; Marti Anderson, state legislator; and Cathy Glasson, 2018 contender for governor. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Tickets \$40. Contact Mary Ann Koch or Mary Caponi or send check to Linda Lemon, 4641 Lockner Dr, Urbandale, IA 50322.

**Exploring Centering Prayer as Meditation Practice**

***Saturday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Ave., Clive***

Open to all who wish to learn this spiritual discipline — newcomers to the practice as well as to those who have some background in Centering Prayer but want to revive and update their understanding. Discussion of the gifts of Centering Prayer as well as areas where one may get stuck. Facilitated by Kathy Reardon. \$15 suggested donation. To register, go to [centeriowa.org](http://centeriowa.org). Questions? Contact Kathy at 515/251-6660, or [kreardon@dmpcc.org](mailto:kreardon@dmpcc.org).

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**White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism**

**Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m., Great Hall of Iowa State University's Memorial Union, Ames**

Robin DiAngelo, author of *White Fragility* and *Is Everyone Really Equal*, has had a profound influence on the national discourse on race. She has facilitated trainings on racial and social justice issues for more than 20 years and coined the term "white fragility." DiAngelo will discuss her concept of how white Americans are unknowingly socialized to be highly sensitive to and defensive in situations involving race, that is, racially "fragile." She emphasizes the perspectives and skills white people need to build in order to engage more constructively across race. For more information, visit [www.lectures.iastate.edu](http://www.lectures.iastate.edu).

**Law and Story: Reframing the National Conversation about Immigration**

**Friday, March 1, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room, Iowa State University's Memorial Union, Ames**

**Rev. Dr. David Vasquez-Levy**, President of the Pacific School of Religion, and **Tom Miller**, Iowa State Attorney General, will discuss our immigration laws and the current immigration narrative. How can our academic, legal, and religious communities move the discussion away from fear and towards a more compelling vision of our place in an increasingly global society? David Vasquez-Levy was in northeast Iowa at the time of the Postville raid in 2008 and worked as part of the community response effort. He remains a leader on issues of immigration, promoting social awareness and public policy that maximizes a healthy and just mix of diverse persons in our communities.

**Center for Social Ministry Trivia Night**

**Saturday, March 2, 6:00–9:00 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines**

Knowledge Wanted! But not required. This evening is an opportunity for food, fun and support for social justice and poverty awareness education. Recruit your friends, family, co-workers, or book club to form a team. There will be games and prizes. Dinner, beverages, and snacks are included. \$200 for a table/team of eight. Individual tickets \$25. Visit [www.centerforsocialministry.org/trivia-night/](http://www.centerforsocialministry.org/trivia-night/) to register. Teams please register ASAP. Proceeds benefit Center for Social Ministry.

**Charting Your Soul's Compass: A Women's Reflective Writing Retreat**

**March 28 – 31, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, Nebraska**

Mary Kay Shanley and Diane Douiyssi offer this Thursday evening through Sunday noon retreat that encourages women to experience the treasure of expression waiting to emerge, to consider the possibilities that await the writer within, and to celebrate the purpose and direction in their own lives. For more information, please go to [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com).

**Catholic Peace Ministry's Bishop Dingman Peace Award**

**Saturday, March 30, 6:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines**

All are welcome to join Catholic Peace Ministry for food and fellowship in the parish hall followed by the speaker and award program in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$50. Limited scholarships are available. This year's awardee is Carolyn Uhlenhake Walker, a long-time peace and climate activist, teacher and mentor from Des Moines. The speaker will be Jeffrey Biggers of Iowa City, the author of *Resistance: Reclaiming an American Tradition*. He is an award-winning historian, journalist and playwright. Biggers founded the Climate Narrative Project and served as the Sustainability Writer-in-Residence at the University of Iowa from 2014-2017. For more information or to reserve tickets please call Patti McKee at 515-803-1152 or email to [catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com](mailto:catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com).

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**Catholic Worker House Needs for Winter:** Jackets, socks, stocking caps, blankets, and sleeping bags. Other immediate needs: disposable razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. Please place donations in the grocery cart in the coatroom. Thank you for your continued support.

*If you are new to IEC and would like a printed nametag, please sign up on the sheet in the entry hallway. Please include your email address if you would like to be added to our distribution list. PLEASE NOTE: Signing up for a nametag and emails does not register you as a member of DMIEC. You must be a registered member to access the Members section of our web site and to vote in DMIEC elections. There is no tithing commitment. For more information or to register, please contact Jim Fifield, [dmiec11@gmail.com](mailto:dmiec11@gmail.com) or 720-2104.*

### BREAD AND WINE

If you would like to take the bread and wine to someone, or if you would like a member to bring bread and wine to you, please call Diane Morain at 491-7778 or talk to her before worship on Sunday. The bread and wine can then be blessed by the community during our Liturgy of the Eucharist. *Sharing the bread and wine is a vital part of our community.*

### PLAYROOM SUPERVISION RULES

- Any child using the playroom must have their parent or other adult relative present in the playroom or immediately outside the room to maintain visual contact of the child.
- During Sunday services or other events, the parent or other adult relative may move a chair from the worship area to the hallway outside the playroom door to be able to participate in the service and maintain supervision of the child.
- If their parent or other adult relative is not present in the playroom, then two approved volunteers must be present. One of the volunteers must be 18 or older.

*Individuals 14 years of age and older, who would like to supervise children in the playroom, must be approved by the Community Council. If interested in being approved, please contact Dennis Rhodes ([DennisRho@msn.com](mailto:DennisRho@msn.com) or 371-6494) or Karen DeHaven ([kdehaven@mchsi.com](mailto:kdehaven@mchsi.com) or 205-1086).*

### COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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#### Meal Coordinator:

Karen DeHaven ([kdehaven@mchsi.com](mailto:kdehaven@mchsi.com) or 205-1086)

*(Contact Karen to coordinate meal deliveries to DMIEC members suffering from illness, surgery, or accident.)*

#### Community Council

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### PERSONAL MINISTRIES

*The Pastoral Care Ministry Team invites people in our community to offer their time as ministry to one another. Your ministry may include offering minor home repairs, yard work, pet care, respite care, prayer companion, rides to our Sunday prayer service, moving assistance, etc. For information, see flyers and signup sheet in the entry hallway.*

**There is an assistance fund for DMIEC members** needing emergency financial assistance with food, shelter, utilities, transportation and medical and/or health issues. If you face such a need, we encourage you to contact a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team.

**Building-Use Forms** are on the web site. For information, please contact Donna Dressel.

**To submit an item for the bulletin, please send to Martha Fifield, [martha.fifield@gmail.com](mailto:martha.fifield@gmail.com).**

Weekly Prayer Aids/Bulletins are available at [dmiec.org](http://dmiec.org). In the *Members* area in the left column, click on *Readings, Prayer Aids, Administration Files*, then *Our Weekly Prayer Aid*. Only registered DMIEC members may access this area of the web site.

**To have full access, you may want to consider becoming a member.** If you are not a registered member (or are not sure whether you are registered), contact Jim Fifield, [dmiec11@gmail.com](mailto:dmiec11@gmail.com), 720-2104. You may also contact Jim if you are already a member and are having issues accessing the web site, or if you wish to update your personal information on the members' list on our web site.



#### DMIEC on Facebook: "Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community"

Administrators approve comments to our page before they go 'live'; only administrators can post statuses or pictures as DMIEC. To have an event posted as DMIEC on the page or to share pictures, email to [tracyarood@gmail.com](mailto:tracyarood@gmail.com)

